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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2006, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are all the claims currently pending in this Application.

A telephone interview was conducted with the Examiner by Applicants' representative on April 20, 2006. During the interview, Applicants' representative noted that the Chang reference (U.S. Patent Publication 2001/0025369) is unavailable as prior art. The Examiner agreed to withdraw the Office Action of March 14, 2006 and to issue a new Office Action. However, no